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VIA CM/ECF

The Honorable John G. Koeltl United States District Judge Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007-1312

RE: Plaintiffs' request for word limit expansion in *State of New York, et al. v. U.S. Dep't of Educ.*, et al., No. 1:20-cv-04260-JGK.

Dear Judge Koeltl:

Plaintiffs the State of New York and the Board of Education for the City School District of the City of New York, write to notify the Court that they anticipate filing a motion for preliminary injunction in the above-referenced case on or after June 22, 2020, and to respectfully request the Court's permission to file a file this letter motion to seek the Court's leave to file a brief in support of their anticipated motion for preliminary injunction in the above-referenced case in excess of the word limitation stated in Section II.D. of this Court's Individual Practices.

Specifically, Plaintiffs request leave to file a brief in support of their motion limited to 9,000 words. In support of their motion, Plaintiffs intend to address the irreparable harm to the State, NYCDOE, and their respective educational institutions and students, as well as Plaintiffs' likelihood of success on the merits of their four independent claims under the Administrative Procedure Act. *See* Am. Complt. 92-97 [ECF No. 13]. Plaintiffs believe the requested word-limit expansion is necessary to adequately brief these issues for the Court, and would consent to the same word limit for Defendants' response brief.

Plaintiffs have conferred with Defendants' counsel, who do not object to this request.

Sincerely,

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